October 2016

Dear Parents and Guardians,

During Armstrong’s Open House 2016, I mentioned that throughout the school year, I would be emailing guidance information to you through your ***iCampus*** email account. This letter is my first email detailing my recent presentation to Armstrong’s eighth grade students entitled ***Rules of the Road – Which Road Will You Choose?*** All of the documents presented below can be found at my webpage***Guidance News That You Can Use*** at this link: <http://bit.ly/2dq1Efa>.

**1. *Guidance News That You Can Use Newsletter***

At the top of Page 2, you will see instructions to ***Join Miss Jones’ Remind App*** which will enable you to receive

the ***Eighth Grade Announcements 2016 – 2017***, <http://bit.ly/2cw9KQc>,via a text or email almost daily. Students

can earn extra credit points from their Social Studies teacher by having both of you join my ***Remind App***.Please

complete the **Remind App Extra Credit** form below.

**2. Create an *iCampus* Portal Account**

Please confirm your ability to receive future emails by following instructions available at this link:

<http://bit.ly/2dHB1N8>. Please contact Mrs. Holly Pursell, Guidance Secretary, at 267.599.2265 with

any questions.

**3. *BTSD’s* District Grading Policies**

Details regarding the ***Honor Roll***, ***Course Failure***, ***Failure for the Year***, and ***Athlete Eligibility Requirements***

**policies are available at this link:** <http://bit.ly/2dZYoWE>

**4. *Instructions for Armstrong Students Applying to the Bucks County Technical High School for the***

***2017 – 2018 School Year.***

Provides a chronological listing of the requirements that Armstrong students need to meet **by the**

**corresponding deadline date** when applying for admissions to the Bucks County Technical High School.

Please click on this link for complete details: <http://bit.ly/2d46Wal>

**5. *Rules of the Road – Which Road Will You Choose?***

Ten *Rules* to help your child be successful today, tomorrow, and into the future.

**6. *Guidance Services, Other Important Information, Community Partnerships, Final Thoughts***

Provide a variety of resources for you and your child.

If you have any questions regarding the information presented, please either call or email me at 267.599.2274/ [karla.jones@bristoltwpsd.org](mailto:kjones1@btsd.us).

Sincerely,

Karla Davis Jones

Eighth Grade School Counselor

\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ Openclipart-Scissors-Logo-in-Blue[1] \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

**Remind App Extra Credit**

Mrs. Gravuer and Mrs. Halboth are offering extra credit points to their students by having both of you join **Miss Jones’ *Remind App***. Please follow the directions below.

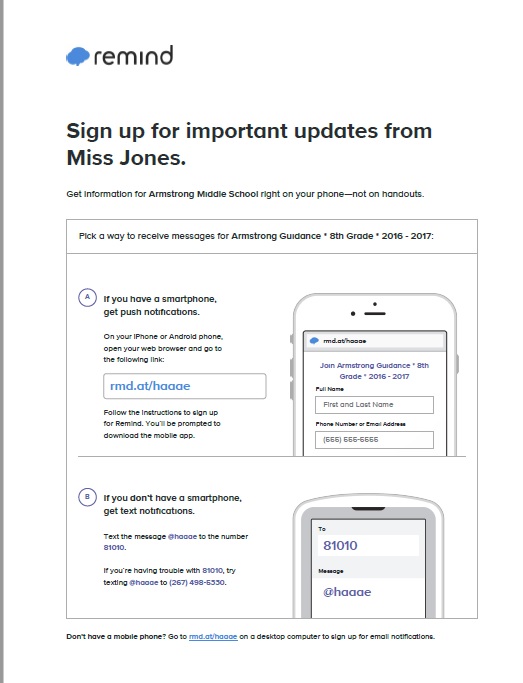
1. Complete the instructions listed on the reverse side of this letter. 

2. Complete the information requested below.

**Parent/Guardian’s Name:** **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** **Child’s Name**: **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Social Studies Teacher’ Name:** **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Class Period:** **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

3.  **Return this form to Miss Jones in the Guidance Office by Friday, October 21, 2016**. Thank you!!!

****

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| BTSD Tiger - Image.jpg | *Guidance News That You Can Use* Features available resources on Armstrong’s Eighth Grade Guidance Department webpage ***Guidance News That You Can Use*.** |
| October 10, 2016 | Volume 1, Number 1 |
| |  | | --- | | **Contact Information** |   Armstrong Middle School  475 Wistar Road  Fairless Hills, PA 19030  267.599.2270 (Office)  Karla Davis Jones, M.Ed.  School Counselor  Editor  [karla.jones@bristoltwpsd.org](mailto:karla.jones@bristoltwpsd.org)  267.599.2274 (Voice Mail)  267.599.2299 (Fax)  <http://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/>  C:\Users\Karla\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Word\static_qr_code_without_logo.jpg  Copyright 2016    **Your next step**  **Once you have checked off** C:\Users\kjones\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\OKO6GKIL\large-right-check-166.6-6151[1].gif**these three “action items,” you will be “plugged in” to Armstrong.**  **If you have any questions about getting “plugged in,” please call Miss Jones, Eighth Grade School Counselor at 267.599.2274, or, Mrs. Pursell, Guidance Secretary at 267.599.2265.**  Copyright 2016  BTSD Tiger - Image.jpg  **All of these links plus many more are available on Guidance News That You Can Use; Armstrong’s Eighth Grade Guidance Department webpage**  Copyright 2016 | Welcome to Armstrong Middle School Open House 2016!  Hello Parents and Guardians,  As your child’s school counselor, two of my primary goals include assisting your child in successfully completing eighth grade while also helping him/her prepare for the transition to high school. Throughout the school year, I will be meeting with your child and will keep you informed regarding guidance related issues or actions on your part.  It is my pleasure to introduce to you this ***newsletter, Guidance News That You Can Use.*** The purpose of the newsletter is to feature available resources on Armstrong’s eighth grade Guidance Department ***webpage*** of the same name ***Guidance News That You Can Use***  <http://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com>. All editions of the ***newsletter*** can be found at this link:<http://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Guidance+News+That+You+Can+Use+Newsletter>.  Within this newsletter, you will find the following:  **1. *Parents and Guardians Action Items***  **2. *Parents and Guardians Survivors’ Guide***  **3. *ROCKS Matrix***    When you have any questions, please contact me at 267.599.2274 or [karla.jones@bristoltwpsd.org](mailto:kjones1@btsd.us). My very best to you and your child for a successful and enjoyable school year.    Sincerely,  Karla Davis Jones  Eighth Grade School Counselor    Parents and Guardians Action Items C:\Users\kjones\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\OKO6GKIL\large-right-check-166.6-6151[1].gif   * **Join** Miss Jones’ ***Remind App*** so that you can receive either a text or email message that will link you to the ***Eighth Grade Announcements 2016 - 2017******page****.* There is also an article entitled ***What Makes Remind Safe?* Webpage link, QR Code, and Remind App Invitation:**   <http://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Eighth+Grade+Announcements+2016+-+2017>.  Preview of your QR Code   * **Check** your ***iCampu*s** email account today and in the future for emails from Miss Jones regarding guidance related issues or actions on your part. If you need your ***iCampus* Access Code or help getting logged in**, please contact Mrs. Holly Pursell, Guidance Secretary, at 267.599.2265. **Webpage link and QR Code:**   <http://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/iCampus+Instructions+and+Access+Screens+for+Students%2C+Parents%2C+and+Guardians>.  C:\Users\Karla\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Word\static_qr_code_without_logo.jpg C:\Users\Karla\Desktop\GNTUCU iCampus for Open House Newsletter 8 18 2016.png     * **Read** thedocuments and connect to the corresponding links on the ***Open House 2016 – 2017 Eighth Grade page*** such as **Guidance News That You Can Use Newsletter including Parents and Guardians Survivors’ Guide and ROCKS Matrix. Webpage link and QR Code:**   <http://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Open+House+2016+-+2017+-+Eighth+Grade>.  C:\Users\Karla\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Word\static_qr_code_without_logo.jpg C:\Users\Karla\Desktop\GNTUCU Open House Wiki for Open House Newsletter 8 18 2016.png  ***Parents and Guardians Survivors’ Guide***  ***Important Links to Help You and Your Child Navigate Middle School***  ***Eighth Grade Announcements -*** By joining my Remind App, you will receive school-wide announcements via email or text message. Instructions are available on this page:  <http://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Eighth+Grade+Announcements+2016+-+2017>  ***iCampus Instructions and Access Screens for Students, Parents, and Guardians***  [*http://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/iCampus+Instructions+and+Access+Screens+for+Students%2C+Parents%2C+and+Guardians*](http://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/iCampus+Instructions+and+Access+Screens+for+Students%2C+Parents%2C+and+Guardians)  ***Armstrong’s Honor Society 2016 – 2017 Requirements***  <http://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Armstrong%E2%80%99s+Honor+Society+2016-17+Requirements>  ***Athletic Eligibility Requirements***  <http://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Athletic+Eligibility+Requirements>  ***Attendance Policy***  <http://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Attendance+Policy>  ***Bucks County Library System – Levittown Branch*** – ***Volunteer Opportunities***  <http://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Bucks+County+Library+System+-+Levittown+Branch+Resources>  ***District Grading Policy –*** Provides criteria for ***Honor Roll***, ***Course Failure***, ***Failure for the Year***, and ***Athlete Eligibility Requirement*.**  <http://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/District+Grading+Policy+with+G.P.A.+Calculations+and+Student+Worksheet>  ***Family Services Association*** – ***Counseling Services***  Improving the lives of children and their families, doing whatever it takes to help them overcome obstacles and reach their full potential. <http://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Family+Service+Association+of+Bucks+County>  ***Health Insurance Resources – Public Citizens for Children and Youth*** - Include directions on how to apply for ***Medical Assistance*** and ***CHIP*** and a child health helpline to assist families over the phone.  <http://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Public+Citizens+for+Children+and+Youth+%28PCCY%29>.  ***The Center for Parenting Education – Online Resources*** – Educates and supports parents to raise their children in emotionally healthy ways so that their children can thrive personally, socially and academically.  <http://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/The+Center+for+Parenting+Education> |

 **Bristol Township Middle Schools**

Neil A. Armstrong Middle School Franklin D. Roosevelt Middle School

Guidance Department Guidance Department

475 Wistar Road 1001 Veterans Highway

Fairless Hills, PA 19030-4101 Bristol, PA 19007-2552

267.599.2265 (Guidance) 267.599.2327 (Guidance)

267.599.2270 (Office) 267.599.2300 (Office)

267.599.2299 (Fax) 267.599. 2349 (Fax)

**District Grading Policies**

Listed below are three important components to our grading policy: **Honor Roll**, **Course Failure**, and **Failure for the Year**. Please review each one listed below:

**Honor Roll** A student will earn honor roll status if he/she maintains a "B" average in all courses. Earning a "D" or an "F" in **any course** will exclude the student from honor roll.

**Course Failure** A student will fail a full year course, regardless of the grade point average, if he/she receives one of the following: **Grade Point Average (G.P.A.) of less than 1.0; Grade of an "F" for three marking periods; Grade of an "F" for the 3rd and 4th marking periods; or Grade of an "I" (Incomplete) for the final marking period.** Please read an example of each policy below:

* **Grade Point Average (G.P.A.) of less than 1.0**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Subject** | **First MP** | **Second MP** | **Third MP** | **Fourth MP** | **GPA for School Year** |
| **Math** | **D** | **D** | **D** | **F** | **.75 Fails** |

**Sample Grade Point Average (G.P.A) Calculation**

**Point Value for Letter Grades**

**A = 4 B = 3 C = 2 D = 1 F = 0**

**Point Value for the *First Term Grade\****  **+ D = 1**

**\*Add it to the Point Value for the *Second Term Grade*  + D = 1**

**\*Add it to the Point Value for the *Third Term Grade* + D = 1**

**\* Add it to the Point Value for the *Fourth Term Grade* + F = 0**

**Total Point Value** **= 3 *Sum***

**Total Point Value ÷ Number of Terms = G.P.A.**

**3 ÷ 4 = .75 Fail course for the year**

***Numerator* *Denominator* *Quotient***

District Grading Policies

Page 2

* **Grade of an "F" for three marking periods**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Subject** | **First MP** | **Second MP** | **Third MP** | **Fourth MP** | **GPA for School Year** |
| **Math** | **F** | **A** | **F** | **F** | **1.0** |

**Point Value for the *First Term Grade\****  **+ F = 0**

**\*Add it to the Point Value for the *Second Term Grade*  + A = 4**

**\*Add it to the Point Value for the *Third Term Grade* + F = 0**

**\* Add it to the Point Value for the *Fourth Term Grade* + F = 0**

**Total Point Value** **= 4 *Sum***

**Total Point Value ÷ Number of Terms = G.P.A.**

**4 ÷ 4 = 1.0 Fail course for the year**

***Numerator* *Denominator*  *Quotient***

* **Grade of an "F" for the 3rd and 4th marking periods**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Subject** | **First MP** | **Second MP** | **Third MP** | **Fourth MP** | **GPA for School Year** |
| **Reading** | **A** | **A** | **F** | **F** | **2.0** |

**Point Value for the *First Term Grade\****  **+ A = 4**

**\*Add it to the Point Value for the *Second Term Grade*  + A = 4**

**\*Add it to the Point Value for the *Third Term Grade* + F = 0**

**\* Add it to the Point Value for the *Fourth Term Grade* + F = 0**

**Total Point Value** = **8 *Sum***

**Total Point Value ÷ Number of Terms = G.P.A.**

**8 ÷ 4 = 2.0 Fail course for the year**

***Numerator* *Denominator* *Quotient***

District Grading Policies

Page 3

* **Grade of an "I" (Incomplete) for the final marking period**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Subject** | **First MP** | **Second MP** | **Third MP** | **Fourth MP** | **GPA for School Year** |
| **Technology** | **A** | **F** | **F** | **I** | **1.0** |

**Point Value for the *First Term Grade\****  **+A = 4**

**\*Add it to the Point Value for the *Second Term Grade*  + F = 0**

**\*Add it to the Point Value for the *Third Term Grade* + F = 0**

**\* Add it to the Point Value for the *Fourth Term Grade* + I = 0**

**Total Point Value** = **4 *Sum***

**Total Point Value ÷ Number of Terms = G.P.A.**

**4 ÷ 4 = 1.0 Fail course for the year**

***Numerator* *Denominator*  *Quotient***

Remember: For **every** **“F”** earned in a marking period, a student must earn **at** **least a “C”** in a future marking period to earn the required 1.0.

**Failure for the Year**

If a student **fails more than one** **academic subject,** he/she must attend Summer School and must pass that subject (or subjects), or he/she will be retained in his/her current grade.

If a student exceeds the attendance mandate and does not attend an attendance completion program.

**Athlete Eligibility Requirement**

Student-Athlete must follow these academic grading guidelines:

**“Failing 2 or more classes** – Student-Athlete may not practice or compete in any sport. Student-Athlete may resume practice with the team, but not compete once **one** F is lifted.”

**“Failing 1 class** – Student-Athlete may not compete in any event, but may practice with the team. Student-Athlete may return to competition once final F is lifted.”

**Worksheet**

**Student’s Grade Point Average (G.P.A) Calculation**

**Point Value for Letter Grades**

**A = 4 B = 3 C = 2 D = 1 F = 0**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Point Value for the *First Term Grade*** +

**\*Add it to the Point Value for the *Second Term Grade*** **+**

**\*Add it to the Point Value for the *Third Term Grade*** **+\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Total Point Value** **= *Sum***

**Total Point Value ÷ Number of Terms = G.P.A.**

***Numerator*  *Denominator* *Quotient***

\*Remember: For every “F” earned in a marking period, a student must earn at least a “C” in a future marking period to earn the required 1.0 Grade Point Average (G.P.A.)

**Point Value for the *First Term Grade*** +

**\*Add it to the Point Value for the *Second Term Grade*** **+**

**\*Add it to the Point Value for the *Third Term Grade*** **+\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Total Point Value** **= *Sum***

**Total Point Value ÷ Number of Terms = G.P.A.**

***Numerator*  *Denominator* *Quotient***

\*Remember: For every “F” earned in a marking period, a student must earn at least a “C” in a future marking period to earn the required 1.0 Grade Point Average (G.P.A.)

[](http://www.bing.com/images/search?q=paw+print&id=71A24A0BC43194F04847D7CC3571F311781FC6E1&FORM=IQFRBA) [](http://www.bing.com/images/search?q=paw+print&id=71A24A0BC43194F04847D7CC3571F311781FC6E1&FORM=IQFRBA) [](http://www.bing.com/images/search?q=paw+print&id=71A24A0BC43194F04847D7CC3571F311781FC6E1&FORM=IQFRBA)

Designed by Karla Jones

Armstrong Middle School

Guidance Counselor

Revised 9/19/2014

***Instructions for Armstrong Students Applying to the***

***Bucks County Technical High School***

***for the 2017 – 2018 School Year***

If your child plans to apply for admission to the Bucks County Technical High School (BCTHS) <http://bcths.com/> for the 2017 – 2018 school year, he/she needs to complete all requirements listed below **by the corresponding deadline date**.

**Tuesday, October 25, 2016**

The BCTHS will be presenting their school and programs to our eighth grade students.

**Thursday, November 10, 2016**

Attend BCTHS’ Open House from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., where you will receive an application. You will also be receiving a postcard invitation from them via U.S. Mail during the middle of October. If you have any questions, please call Mr. Kevin Gentilcore, Supervisor of Pupil Services, at 215.949.1700 ext. 2977.

**Friday, November 11, 2016**

If you are unavailable to attend the BCTHS’ Open House, download an application by going to BCTHS’ website <http://bcths.com/> and clicking on ***2017 - 2018 BCTHS Application*** link located on the left column.

**Friday, November 18, 2016**

The following BCTHS documents are due to **Armstrong’s Guidance Department**:

1. **Counselor Forms 1 and 2**
2. **Principal Form**

Your child will also need to give the **Teacher Recommendation Form** to an Armstrong Teacher (seventh or eighth grade) of his/her choice by **Friday, November 18, 2016**. The teacher will turn the form into the Armstrong’s Guidance Department. **Please remember to have your child write his/her full name, etc., on each of the documents.**

**Armstrong Guidance Department will forward the following documents to the BCTHS:**

1. **Counselor Forms 1 and 2**
2. **Principal Form**
3. **Teacher Recommendation Form**
4. **Official Transcript from Grade 7**
5. **First Marking Period Report Card for 2016 – 2017 School Year**
6. **Disciplinary and Attendance Records for Grades 7 and 8**
7. **IEP and ER/RR if needed**



**Please Turn Over**

***Instructions for Armstrong Students Applying to the***

***Bucks County Technical High School for the 2017 – 2018 School Year***

**Page 2**

**Monday, November 28 to Friday, December 2, 2016 – 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

The following documents are due to the BCTHS by the parents and guardians:

1. **Biographical Information Form**
2. **Essay**
3. **Area of Interest**

When these **three** documents are accepted by the BCTHS, you will receive your child’s **Lottery Number**. Keep this in a very safe place.

**December 15, 2016 – Lottery Drawing – Tentative Date**

Your child’s **Lottery Number** will be placed into a lottery spinner with all of the other **Lottery Numbers** from Bristol Township students. Each Lottery Number is then pulled determining the order in which the applications are reviewed for admission. It does not guarantee acceptance. This event is videotaped. Please contact the BCTHS at 215.949.1700 ext. 2976 to determine the exact date, time, and location of this event.

**Week of March 13, 2017 – Decision Letters are Mailed to Parents and Guardians**

If your child is not accepted for the 2017-2018 school year, he/she can apply again for acceptance as a tenth grade student for the 2018-2019 school year. Please contact the BCTHS during **October 2017** for details.

**Bucks County Technical High School Acceptance Requirements**

Please review the following acceptance requirements carefully.

● *Your child must continue to maintain adequate grades, behavior and attendance*

*for the remainder of the school year or risk having this acceptance revoked.*

*● Your child must be a resident of a BCTHS sending school district at the*

*time of application, and must be registered in the specified sending school district prior to*

*the first day of classes or this acceptance will be revoked.*

*● This acceptance is applicable only for the school district of residence at the time of acceptance.*

*Moving to another sending district may invalidate this acceptance, at the discretion of the*

*receiving school district due to district student quotas.*

If you have any questions about the above three acceptance requirements, please contact Mr. Kevin Gentilcore, Supervisor of Pupil Services, at the Bucks County Technical High School. His telephone number is 215.949.1700 ext. 2977.

**It is very important to follow the written instructions and to meet all deadline dates**. If you have any questions, please contact Karla Davis Jones, Armstrong’s Eighth Grade School Counselor, by scheduling an appointment, emailing her at [karla.jones@bristoltwpsd.org](mailto:karla.jones@bristoltwpsd.org), or calling 267.599.2274. A copy of this document can be found at <http://bit.ly/2d46Wal>. Thank you.

9/27/2016 Karla M. Jones ©2016 [prgrsvimghttp://ts1.mm.bing.net/th?id=H.4634129126656937&w=207&h=207&c=8&pid=3.1&qlt=90&rm=2](http://www.bing.com/images/search?q=paw+print&id=71A24A0BC43194F04847D7CC3571F311781FC6E1&FORM=IQFRBA) 

**Please Turn Over**

***Rules of the Road***

***Which Road Will You Choose?***

*** ***

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Don’t follow ROCKS; Respectful, Organized, Cooperative, Kind, and Safe.** | **Follow ROCKS wholeheartedly; Respectful, Organized, Cooperative, Kind, and Safe.** |
| **Turn incomplete work in *late.*** | **Turn in complete work on time.** |
| **Don’t follow *directions* first time given.** | **Follow directions first time given.** |
| ***Blame* others for your mistakes.** | **Take responsibility and apologize for your mistake.** |
| **Arrive to class late and unprepared.** | **Arrive to class on time and prepared.** |
| **When you or someone you know needs serious help keep this information to yourself.** | **When you or someone you know needs serious help ask a trusted adult.** |
| **Say or write inappropriate comments to a person directly or on social media; legal issues.** | **Say or write appropriate comments to a person directly or on social media; gain friendship.** |
| **Treat others with disrespect.** | **Treat others as you want to be treated.** |
| **Befriend people who behave poorly.** | **Befriend people who behave well; you are the company that you keep.** |
| **Don’t eat and sleep well.** | **Eat and sleep well.** |
| **Question: How do you feel about yourself? Become angry or defensive and make yourself look foolish.** | **Question: How do you feel about yourself? *Shake it off* and make yourself look mature.** |

***Guidance Services***

<http://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Guidance+Department+Services>

|  |
| --- |
| ***SAP (Student Assistance Program)***  The Student Assistance Program provides help for students who are experiencing difficulties because of emotional and/or substance abuse problems. Parents/guardians, teachers, and other students are able to make confidential referrals. Please see Miss Jones for additional information. |

|  |
| --- |
| ***Mediation and Support Groups***  When a student has a personal conflict with another student(s), his/her guidance counselor can offer them the opportunity to peacefully resolve the issue through mediation. Please see Miss Jones for additional information. |

***Other Important Information***

***1. Academic Quarterly Warning Letters***

<http://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Academic+Quarterly+Warning+Letters>

***2. Mandated Reporting***

<http://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Mandated+Reporting>

***3. Truancy Policy***

<http://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Truancy+Policy+No.+204>

***4. Ninth Grade Course Codes***

<http://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Course+Selection+for+Truman+High+School+Presentation+2015+-+2016%3B+Current+8th+Grade+Students>

**Armstrong Middle School - Community Partnerships**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Organization** | **Services Provided** | **Contact Information** |
| **Access Services** | We offer free telephone and mobile crisis support to children, adolescents and young adults (up to 21 years old), and their family members in Bucks County. A trained crisis support professional will help stabilize the immediate crisis through phone and/or face to face contact. Crisis intervention is provided to help children and families cope with immediate situations and direct them toward resolutions and resources that will help them better manage future crises.  ***GNTUCU* webpage: http://bit.ly/2cZguDb** | Rachel Previte  Jeff Walsh  1-877-435-7709  Children’s Crisis Support Program |
| **Boy Scouts of America – Troop 123** | Scouts offer an opportunity for boys to learn team building skills, leadership roles and tons of fun with hiking, camping, and a variety of sports and science merit badges. The list goes on and on of what you can achieve.  Ask Mr. Simmons about opportunities regarding the Venture Program which is designed for both boys and girls ages 14 to 21. <http://www.scouting.org/> | Asst. Scout Master Scott Simmons 7405 New Falls Road  Levittown, PA 19055  215-359-7138  Tuesdays: 7:15 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. |
| **Bucks County Drug & Alcohol Commission, Inc. (BCDAC)** | Our office does not provide direct service; we are the Single County Authority or SCA. As the state and locally designated Single County Authority (SCA) for alcohol, tobacco and other drugs, our agency will work continuously to ensure the provision of a comprehensive and balanced continuum of quality prevention, intervention and treatment services for the county.  **BCDAC, Inc.**   * Has a plan in place to address prevention, education, intervention and treatment needs for Bucks County residents * Contracts with more than 30 agencies to provide prevention and treatment services * Provides for a system of quality assurance * Provides a process for client/consumers grievance and complaint | Mallory Showalter  Prevention Program Specialist [mlshowalter@buckscounty.org](mailto:mlshowalter@buckscounty.org)  215- 444-2785 |
| **Bucks County**  **4H** |  |  |
| **Bucks County Free Library** | Your Bucks County Free Library card allows you to borrow books, audio books, DVD's, magazines, toys and games as well as gives you access to both recreational and information e-resources. Check our online calendar for special events and story times.  ***GNTUCU* webpage: http://bit.ly/2dxV6eG** | Maureen Langley  Youth Services Librarian  Bucks County Free Library  7311 New Falls Road  Levittown, PA 19055  www.buckslib.org |

Contact:  Karla Davis Jones;  267.599.2274;   [Karla.jones@bristoltwpsd.org](mailto:Karla.jones@bristoltwpsd.org)

*Link to Guidance News That You Can Use;*  <http://bit.ly/2ddrrH3>

Revised 10/6/2016

**Armstrong Middle School - Community Partnerships**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Organization** | **Services Provided** | **Contact Information** |
| **Families Living Well** | St. Mary Medical Center is committed to empowering Bucks county children and their families to live healthier by providing the tools and resources to make the healthy choice easier. In a collaborative approach St. Mary partners with physicians, nurses, school districts, local farm programs, recreational programs and other community partners to bring the programs to families across Bucks county. Programs include: Kidshape, TeenCuisine, Time for Teens and Farm to Families. ***GNTUCU* webpage: http://bit.ly/2dAzYkn** | Joann Dorr RN, Manager  St. Mary Medical Center  1201 Langhorne-Newtown Rd. Langhorne, PA [19047](mailto:19047%20%7C%20jdorr@stmaryhealthcare.org)  [jdorr@stmaryhealthcare.org](mailto:19047%20%7C%20jdorr@stmaryhealthcare.org)  [www.stmaryhealthcare.org/flw](http://www.stmaryhealthcare.org/flw) |
| **Family Service Association** | 1. Outpatient counseling and psychiatric services for all ages  2. Parent Support Group  3. Teen Center – drop in youth program at Oxford Valley Mall  4. Nurturing Parenting: in-home parent education, counseling, and case management  5. Parents as Teachers: Early childhood services that assist families with parenting, promoting  child health and development, and preventing child abuse  ***GNTUCU* webpage: http://bit.ly/2cWOPHP** | Shana Almeida, MA, LPC, CCDP-D  Clinical Supervisor  Family Service Association  4 Cornerstone Drive  Langhorne, PA 19047  215-757-6916 ext. 111  [salmeida@fsabc.org](mailto:salmeida@fsabc.org) |
| **Girl Scouts – Service Unit 632** | Girl Scouts offer an opportunity for girls grades K-12 to develop team building, self esteem, and leadership skills. Girls earn badges while having fun. Proceeds from our famous cookie sale go to various adventures for girls of all ages. To join go to **GSEP website:** [www.gsep.org](http://www.gsep.org). | Kathy Trolli  Riverside United Girls Scouts  215-943-1392  Gsepsu632@gmail.com |
| **The Peace Center, specifically Girls Unlimited** | 1. Social/emotional intelligence and anti-bullying program for 7th grade girls  2. Intervention in conflicts. We can help with conflict resolution among boys and girls by  facilitating restorative justice circles or mediation  3. Run support groups at The Peace Center for kids who are being bullied and their families  ***GNTUCU* webpage: http://bit.ly/2d8nm4s** | Karin Kasdin Founding Director Girls Unlimited THE PEACE CENTER [www.thepeacecenter.org](http://www.thepeacecenter.org/) 215-750-7220 ext. 14  [kkasdin@thepeacecenter.org](mailto:kkasdin@thepeacecenter.org) |
| **Public Citizens for Children + Youth (PCCY)** | 1. Assistance to families in enrolling eligible children into MA or CHIP  2. Referrals to health care providers – including behavioral health  3. Help with MA or CHIP insurance problems  4. Training for child serving professional in public health options for kids  5. Give Kids Sight Day - Annual day of free eye care –at Wills Eye Hospital  **(Oct 29, 2016 this year)**  6. Give Kids Smile Day - Annual week of free dental care – **(April 2017)**  7. Advocacy for fair, adequate funding for Pre-K and K-12 education  ***GNTUCU* webpage: http://bit.ly/2dRN67L** | Deborah Zubow  Dir, Child Healthwatch Helpline  Public Citizens for Youth  [dzubow@pccy.org](mailto:dzubow@pccy.org)  215-563-5848 Ext. 17 |

Contact:  Karla Davis Jones;  267.599.2274;   [Karla.jones@bristoltwpsd.org](mailto:Karla.jones@bristoltwpsd.org)

*Link to Guidance News That You Can Use;*  <http://bit.ly/2ddrrH3>

Revised 10/6/2016

***Final Thoughts***

***Please watch video***

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DITdTSmdB98